

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FOR 50 YEARS OF SERVICE TO SULLIVAN COUNTY, MISSOURI

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize the Sullivan County Memorial Hospital in Milan, Missouri on its 50th anniversary of service to the residents of North Missouri. The hospital established a reputation founded on excellent patient care.

The Sullivan County Memorial Hospital was built in 1953 as a 48-bed facility that was greatly needed for this rural community. In 1984, the hospital expansion encompassed an addition of private rooms, and expanded emergency department and enlarged ancillary service areas. In 1996, the hospital's physician's clinic opened to provide primary care to patients of all ages including treatment and diagnosis of medical illness and injuries, annual physicals, well-patient visits, employment exams, school and sports physicals, immunizations and pain management. To this day, the hospital continues to operate as the only fully staffed medical facility in Sullivan County and provides 24-hour emergency care.

The mission of the Sullivan County Memorial Hospital is to provide a broad range of high quality primary medical services and long-term care, and to coordinate the availability of other medical services to area residents. Residents in the area are certainly appreciative of this level of care.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending the 50th anniversary of the Sullivan County Memorial Hospital in Milan, Missouri. Their dedication to the medical profession and excellence in patient care has served the residents of North Missouri well.

TRIBUTE TO SHIRLEY TARRANT, TEACHER AND COMMUNITY ACTIVIST

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise in memory of and to pay tribute to a wife, a mother, a grandmother, a teacher and a community activist—Shirley M. Tarrant, who passed away this month after half a century of outstanding service to the State of Delaware. The number of accomplishments, recognitions and most importantly admirations that Shirley has had in her life is remarkable.

Today, I recognize Shirley for her proud and distinguished public and personal life. Ms. Tarrant was the daughter of Frank and Edith Riley. She was a graduate of Wilmington High School and of the University of Delaware.

Shirley's career as an elementary school teacher was tremendously important to so many children in the State of Delaware but she distinguished herself as a community activist early on.

Shirley was the leader in establishing the Newark Girls Club, she was president of the Suburban County Hospital Task Force, she was a chairperson of the Delaware Health Facilities Authority and a member of the Board of Christiana Care Health Systems.

As the President of the Suburban County Hospital Task Force, Shirley was ultimately responsible for the construction of the Christiana Hospital, which is the largest, most advanced facility in Delaware.

With her husband Alfred and her daughter Marci at her side, Shirley proudly and unselfishly contributed everyday to life in her home and her community.

Shirley's contributions cannot be commended enough. Though she has passed on, we can all be sure that her contributions will remain with us. Her commitment to her goals, her family and her State have earned her a permanent place in the thoughts and hearts of so many people.

RECOGNITION OF MR. AND MRS. ELLIS SMITH, SR.

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize Mr. Ellis Simon Smith, Sr. and Mrs. Lillie Mae Smith as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

Born in Trenton, North Carolina on November 12, 1933, Mr. Ellis spent his early years growing up and working in North Carolina. At the age of 19, he met and married Miss Lillie Mae Jones of Falling Creek, North Carolina and they began their journey together.

The proud parents of four daughters: Barbara, Helen, Cheryl, and Margaret, the Ellis family has spent the years since 1958 as residents of Newark, New Jersey. Here they are proud members of the Love of Christ Ministry where their son, Ellis, Jr. is the pastor.

Finding a special person and friend to share your life with is one of the great joys of life. I hope that they both have found great joy and happiness together and will cherish the wonderful years ahead. I rise today to recognize that wonderful bond that they have found and continue to share and wish them great happiness as they celebrate together with family and friends.

CONGRESSIONAL TRIBUTE TO FIRST LIEUTENANT FREDERICK POKORNEY

HON. SHELLEY BERKLEY

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Ms. BERKLEY. Mr. Speaker, United States Marine Corps First Lieutenant Frederick Pokorney was killed in action in Iraq on March 23, 2003. On that day, Nevada lost a true American patriot, proud Marine, and loving husband and father. The hearts of all Nevadans and all Americans go out to his family and friends. Our thoughts and prayers are for his wife, Carolyn Rochelle, and three year old daughter, Taylor Rochelle Pokorney.

Fred's first love was his family with his favorite time being spent with his "best little helper", Taylor. His second love was the Marines.

Fred was born in California and raised himself from an early age until he moved to Tonopah, Nevada to live with Wade and Susie Lieseke, whom he regarded as his parents. An excellent athlete, he was a standout football and basketball player at Tonopah High School.

Fred enlisted in the Marines in February of 1993 and received his second Rifle Expert Award in 1994, the Navy Achievement Medal for Professional Achievement from September 1995 to November 1995, and a Letter of Commendation for efforts above and beyond the call of duty in 1997. Fred completed Officers Candidates School in 1999 and was promoted to a command field artillery officer in March of 2001 after he had earned a degree in Political Science and History from Oregon State University.

Fred met Carolyn, "Chelle" as Fred called her, while stationed in Bremerton, Washington at Bangor Submarine base. They were married on March 29, 1996. Fred was a proud father, a proud husband, and a proud Marine. He always gave one hundred and ten percent, especially in building a life for his family. Fred and Chelle recently celebrated their 7th anniversary via a phone call from his Marine encampment overseas on March 4, wishing Chelle a happy early anniversary and telling Taylor he loved her. It was his last call home.

Fred, a man of large stature and friendly nature, believed in doing things the right way the first time. He spent his last days in the field trying to help and improve the conditions for his troops as they faced difficult combat assignments.

On March 28, 2003, 500 of Fred's friends, teachers, neighbors and loved ones from the small town of Tonopah mourned their loss during a ceremony at Tonopah High School. Fred was remembered by Tonopah as a star athlete, intelligent student, a brave Marine, and a person of great energy and the highest character.

"Chelle" has expressed her loss in these words "Fred not only was my husband, but my

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